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Mr. Duayne T. Johnson
3276 South 3690 West
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re: Bryson #4 Patented Tar Sands Claims, M/019/014, Grand County, Utah

It is my understanding that your tar sands mine in Grand County has been inactive since Mr. Merrell mined the site in the summer of 1985 and that no one is currently leasing the property. The Division will consider your mine as exempt from the Mined Land Reclamation Act at the current level of disturbance. It is not normal policy to allow for five-acre exemptions, but I will make an exception in this case (see attached memo and field report from Frank Filas of my staff).

If you should decide to reopen the mine in the future, you (or the lessee) will have to contact the Division and file the appropriate forms with us. The two-acre small mine exemption was repealed by laws passed in the 1986 and 1987 state legislative sessions. Mining and exploration operations are now required to reclaim after conclusion of mining irregardless of size. Those operations which disturb less than five acres at any time (small mines) are required to file a Small Mine Notice of Intent. Those mine operations greater than five acres will be permitted and will post a reclamation bond in pretty much the same manner as before.

We wish you the best of luck and hope that Utah tar sand mining will become an economical industry in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

Lowell F. Braxton
Administrator
Mineral Resource Development
and Reclamation Program

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